

**TREE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING**

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MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; GORDON ROBERTSON; JENNIFER ZWARICH

11/30/2016  
MEETING MINUTES  
7:30pm Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes (TB), Kory Riesterer (KR), Jennifer Zwarich (JZ)  
Absent: Charles Day (CD), Gordon Robertson (GR)

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:35pm

1. Approval of 10/24/16 minutes by vote of 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. Main Street sidewalk project improvement zone planning: JZ reports having raised \$700 towards phase one, with village redirecting parking meter funds to be able to donate additional \$1,000. This is enough to order tree pit guards but not enough to complete project – more funds still needed. TAB members will continue to reach out.
3. Fall planting schedule is set for Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and includes Haldane trees and village street trees. 16 trees total scheduled for planting.
4. Miscellaneous updates:
  - a) TAB members JZ, KR, GR, TB will attend Dec 15<sup>th</sup> “Managing Street Trees” workshop in White Plains. A member of village Highway crew is also likely to attend. Village will cover registration costs.
  - b) Main St. Sidewalk Project tree delay: TAB members emphasized how ineptly the contractor has handled the tree-related portions of the project. JZ noted that she has communicated this opinion and given specific issues on behalf of the TAB to the VBOT on several occasions and in multiple triage attempts. She noted that the TAB has fulfilled our advisory role and must allow the Trustees to manage how they want to proceed. Based on our communications with contractor reps the contractor seems to have little experience procuring landscape items and, judging from their failure to adequately protect existing trees and their perpetration of damage to them during the project, the board had no confidence that they will complete the tree planting in adherence to ISA standards. TAB discussed recommending strongly that a member of the board be present when planting occurs to ensure proper planting. JZ has recommended that to VBOT. JZ reported that grant reimbursement for the project is being held until the project is closed out, and that won't happen without the specified trees being planted. Right now the village is negotiating terms for that happening in the spring.
  - c) Cost share grant application waiting for next grant cycle announcement.
  - d) Launching: CSTAB project pages are now live online and can be accessed by public! Pages are linked to official village website's resource page. JZ asked TAB members for input/more content. [http://coldspringny.gov/Pages/ColdSpringNY\\_TreeAdvise/coldspring.html](http://coldspringny.gov/Pages/ColdSpringNY_TreeAdvise/coldspring.html)
  - e) Haldane service project a success: for second year in row TAB coordinated with Haldane MS staff on a Main Street service project for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Students weeded tree pits and planted perennials and rosa rugosa in the open strip just east of 92 Main ST. TAB members JZ and KR participated again this year.

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5. Correspondence
6. Public comment: none.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 8:22 pm.